

**POLICY BULLETIN
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SUBJECT: Race and Ethnicity Collection Requirements

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Institutions who participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) are required to annually collect ethnic and racial information from all children enrolled in their centers; this information will be examined during Program reviews. Every institution must collect the following information for each child: ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic), and racial category (from five USDA required categories).

ETHNICITY:

Hispanic or Latino:

A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Non-Hispanic or Latino

RACE:

American Indian or Alaskan Native:

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian:

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American:

A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White:

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Please note the “Other” box, found under “Children’s ethnic and racial identities” found on the newest version of the Income Eligibility Form (IEF). Please be aware that if a parent/guardian marks “Other”, the center is still required to collect the race of the child(ren) according to one or more of the five racial categories as specified above.

Please refer to the Quick Reference found in the Administrative Manual under *Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting* for additional information regarding ethnic and racial data collection.

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